CLIFFORD CHANCE ADVISES ON RED SEA WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN EGYPT

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The project will underpin the continued renewable energy ambitions of Egypt, along with supporting economic and social development within the region. The Egyptian government is working towards increasing the supply of electricity generated from renewable sources to 42% by 2035.

Egypt-based law firm, <u>Shalakany</u> has acted as local counsel to several foreign and local financial institutions. <u>click here</u> for further information about the involved team.

Financing is being provided by a consortium of banks, the debt is being provided by Export Credit Agencies, DFIs and commercial lenders. The lending institutions are Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Nippon Export Investment Insurance (NEXI) which provides a wrap on the \$155 million commercial bank tranche, provided by Norinchukin, SMBC and Societe Generale. Green Climate Fund also provided a financing tranche under the EBRD facility.

The renewable energy will be offtaken by the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company (EETC) through a 25-year PPA.

The global Clifford Chance team including the UAE, Amsterdam, Tokyo and London offices advising the sponsor consortium was led by partner **Mohamed Hamra-Krouha** (pictured) and assisted by partners **Richard Parris** and **Yusuke Abe** with counsels **Inaamul Laher**, **Cheuk Yin Cheung**, **Igor Bichenkov** and **Mike Niekoop** with senior associates **Anna Cornelius**, **Vany Attarian**, **Jeroen Kolthof** and **Phil Sandu** and associates **Mahmoud Elbanhawi**, **Gaurav Sharma** and **Masaya Obayashi**.